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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, PFOR, IT, TU, UK, YO, NATO

SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV PROTEST OVER NAVOCFORMED ACTIVATION

IN ADRIATIC

REF: A) BELGRADE 5758; (NOTAL) B) STATE 223279; (NOTAL)

C) USNATO 5547 (NOTAL)

1. ITALIAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR (FERRETTI) INFORMED MISSION
MORNING OF NOVEMBER 15 THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM
MFA ACTING DIRGEN POL AFF GARDINI REPORTING THAT ITALIAN AMBASSADOR
BELGRADE RECEIVED "VERY STRONG PROTEST" FROM YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT
CONCERNING NAVOCFORMED EXERCISE "DUTY FAN" IN ADRIATIC. (NOTE:
PARTICIPATING SHIPS ARE FROM U.S., U.K., ITALY AND TURKEY.)
PROTEST REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THIS MULTINATIONAL
EXERCISE REPRESENTED "POLITICAL PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT
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OF YUGOSLAVIA," AND THAT SIMILAR PROTESTS WOULD BE MADE TO THE
GOVERNMENTS OF U.S., UK AND TURKEY. FERRETTI SAID HIS
AUTHORITIES FELT GOY WAS LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR PUBLIC PROPAGANDA
PITCH AND HE SUGGESTED FOUR ALLIES INVOLVED COORDINATE RESPONSE

TO GOY PROTEST HERE AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. MISSION SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED REF A, BUT HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION INDICATING WHETHER GOY HAS MADE SIMILAR PROTEST TO TURKEY OR UK.

2. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT EVEN PRIOR TO PUBLIC YUGOSLAV PROTEST, DIPLOMATIC RESPONSE TO YUGOSLAV PROTESTS SHOULD BE COORDINATED AT NATO HEADQUARTERS AS WELL AS AMONG THE ALLIED EMBASSIES IN BELGRADE. IN EVENT PROTESTS ARE MADE PUBLIC, MISSION RECOMMENDS NO RESPONSE BE MADE BY ALLIED PENDING COORDINATION AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. SUCH RESPONSE WHEN AGREED SHOULD BE ISSUED BY NATO SPOKESMAN. WE SUGGEST A STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS NAVOCFORMED ACTIVATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. FOR EXAMPLE:

BEGIN TEXT

THE ACTIVATION OF THE NATO NAVAL-ON-CALL FORCE, MEDITERRANEAN IS A ROUTINE EXERCISE PERIODICALLY HELD TO CONDUCT NORMAL OPERATIONS AND TO TEST NATO NAVAL PROCEDURES IN DEFENSE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA. AS DURING PAST ACTIVATIONS, THE EXERCISES ARE RESTRICTED TO INTERNATIONAL WATERS WITH VISITS TO PORTS OF NATO-NATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

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3. FERRETTI CONFIRMED THAT "ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO" ITALIAN AMBASSADOR MACOTTA IN FRIENDLY MANNER ROUTINELY INFORMED GOY OF FORTHCOMING EXERCISE.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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